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[Smith, Steve J.]

FOR Farm Family of the Week

TIME 12:25-1:00 p;m.

BY Howard Langfitt

DATE Fri. Feb. 26, 1960

VIDEO

AUDIO

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-1
MAILBOX

SLIDE FARM-2
FAMILY

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO LINCOLN COUNTY AGENT, TRAVIS TADLOCK AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MISS SARA JANE CRAIG, FOR THEIR VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY AND FOR GOING WITH ME TO THEIR FARM TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY WHICH I AM NOW GOING TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. STEVE J. SMITH AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN THE HEUCK'S RETREAT COMMUNITY OF LINCOLN COUNTY...IT'S THE STORY OF A VERY PROGRESSIVE FARM FAMILY IN A TRULY OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY. MY FIRST CONTACT WITH STEVE SMITH WAS IN CONNECTION WITH SOME COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IN THE HEUCK'S RETREAT COMMUNITY WHERE HIS FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS LOOK TO HIM AS A LEADER IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. NOW, I AM HAPPY TO TELL YOU SOMETHING OF THE KIND OF FARMER STEVE SMITH IS. STEVE LIVES ON THE FARM WHERE HE GREW TO MANHOOD. HE IS THE THIRD GRAND-GENERATION ON THIS LAND....HIS FATHER HOMESTEADED IT. WHILE HIS FATHER LIVED THEY FARMED TOGETHER HE IS NOW BUYING THE LAND FROM HIS MOTHER. BY THE WAY, LET ME IDENTIFY OUR GUESTS IN THIS PICTURE. SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT IS STEVE, HIS CHAMRING WIFE, SON STEPHEN JOEL AND DAUGHTER,

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SLIDE FARM-3
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-4
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-5
TWO MEN

PATRICIA ANN. STANDING ARE STEVE'S MOTHER, MRS. HOMER E. SMITH AND MRS. STEVE SMITH'S MOTHER, MRS. TURNBOUGH. THIS IS THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. STEVE SMITH. IT'S ABOUT SIX MILES NORTHEAST OF BROOKHAVEN. IT'S THE HOUSE WHERE STEVE WAS BORN AND RAISED, THOUGH IT WAS REMODELED IN 1949. STEVE GRADUATED FROM BROOKHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COPIAH-LINCOLN JUNIOR COLLEGE. HE HAD JUST ENROLLED AT MISSISSIPPI STATE WHEN PEARL HARBOR CAME ALONG AND HE WAS INDUCTED INTO SERVICE WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL 1946. FOR ONE YEAR AFTER HIS DISCHARGE HE WORKED WITH THE OIL PEOPLE AND THEN CAME BACK TO THE FARM TO FARM WITH HIS FATHER. STEVE AND MRS. SMITH WERE MARRIED IN 1949. STEVE STARTED OUT DAIRY WHILE HIS FATHER RAISED BEEF CATTLE. WHILE HIS FATHER LIVED, UNTIL 1954, STEVE RENTED 100 ACRES FROM HIM AND IT WAS ON THIS LAND THAT HE CARRIED OUT HIS DAIRY PROGRAM. IN FACT, HE CONTINUED TO DAIRY UNTIL OCTOBER OF 1958 WHEN HE SOLD OUT AND PUT THE DAIRY MONEY INTO BEEF CATTLE. OVER THE YEARS STEVE HAS RELIED HEAVILY ON THE ADVICE OF HIS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS. COUNTY AGENT, TRAVIS TADLOCK, ON THE LEFT HAS BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND AND ADVISOR. AT ONE TIME STEVE'S FATHER RAISED COTTON BUT STEVE SAYS HE NEVER DID.

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SLIDE FARM-6
COWS

SLIDE FARM-7
COWS

SLIDE FARM-8
COW & CALF

THERE WAS ONCE NINE TENNANT FAMILIES ON THE PLACE. NOW TWO TENNANTS RENT HOUSES ON THE FARM AND DO WORK FOR FOLKS ALL THROUGH THE HEUCK'S RETREAT COMMUNITY. AT THE PEAK OF HIS DAIRY PROGRAM STEVE MILKED 60 COWS. HE QUIT DAIRYING FOR TWO REASONS...A SHORT LABOR SUPPLY AND A NEED TO GET A FARM THAT HAD BEEN ABOUT WORN OUT WITH COTTON INTO A GOOD GRASSLAND PRO PROGRAM. TODAY STEVE SMITH HAS 100 GRADE BROOD COWS IN HIS BEEF HERD AND FOLLOWS A COMMERCIAL COW AND CALF PROGRAM SELLING THE CALVES MILK FAT OFF THE COW. OF COURSE, STEVE HASTENS TO EXPLAIN THAT HE HAS ONLY BEEN IN THE BEEF BUSINESS FOR A YEAR AND A HALF AND IN THE FUTURE HE HOPES IN ADDITION TO SELLING MILK FAT CALVES TO BUY YEARLINGS AND GRAZE THEM AND FEED THEM ON OATS. THOUGH HE IS NEW IN THE BEEF CATTLE BUSINESS HE HAS ALREADY DECIDED THAT HIS SLOW BREEDERS AND NON-BREEDERS MUST COME OUT AND HE PLANS TO DO IT IN THE SPRING. HE GETS A 90% CALF CROP AND CALFHOOD VACCINATES. THE HERD IS BANGS TESTED. RIGHT NOW HE MARKETS ALL HIS CALF CROP BUT ON A LONG RANGE BASIS HE PLANS TO SAVE HIS BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. HE FIGURES THAT RIGHT NOW HE CAN SELL A CALF AND WI

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SLIDE FARM-9
BULLS

SLIDE FARM-10
BACKRUB & CREEP

SLIDE FARM-11
CORRAL

SLIDE FARM-12
PASTURE

WITH ABOUT THE SAME MONEY BUY A COW READY TO BREED. HE KNOWS THAT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE SO AND WHEN THE TIME COMES WILL SAVE HIS HEIFERS. THOUGH STEVE SMITH HAS A COMMERCIAL GRADE BEEF HERD HE USES REGISTERED BULLS IN HIS BREEDING PROGRAM. HE HAS HORNED HEREFORD BULLS AND THIS SANTA GERTRUDIS. UP TO NOW HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY CALVES FROM THE SANTA GERTRUDIS SO HE DOESN'T KNOW JUST HOW HE'LL DO. FOR PARASITE AND INSECT CONTROL STEVE USES BACKRUBS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED IN THE PASTURES. THEY ARE LOCATED IN SHADE NEAR DRINKING WATER,...A PLACE WHERE THE CATTLE ARE LIKELY TO CONGREGATE. YOU WILL NOTICE A CREEP FEEDER IN THE BACKGROUND. HE HAS A NUMBER OF THESE AROUND THE PLACE AND HE CREEP FEEDS ALL THE CALVES. THE TOTAL FARM IS 508 ACRES AND 300 OF IT IS IN PASTURE. STEVE HAS ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO PROPERLY HANDLE HIS LIVESTOCK AND CARRY OUT ANY HERD WORK THAT MAY BE NECESSARY. HE HAS A HEAD SQUEEZE AND VACCINATES EVERYTHING. HE ALSO HAS A POWER SPRAYER WHICH SUPPLEMENTS THE BACKRUBS. STEVE TESTS HIS SOIL AND FERTILIZES ACCORDING TO SOIL NEEDS. THE 300 ACRES OF PERMANENT PASTURE CONSISTS OF DALLIS, BERMUDA, BAHIA, WHITE DUTCH AND CRIMSON CLOVER, LESPEDEZA AND FESCUE.

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SLIDE FARM-13
SHEEP ON GRASS

SLIDE FARM-14
SHEEP

SLIDE FARM-15
LAMBS

SLIDE FARM-16
RAMS

~~HE LIMES HIS PASTURES AND ALSO PUTS DOWN PLENTY~~
OF PHOSPHATE AND POTASH. TEMPORARY GRAZING
CONSISTS OF 50 TO 75 ACRES OF OATS AND RYE
GRASS. STEVE RENOVATES AND ROTATES HIS PERMANENT
PASTURE AREA. EVERY YEAR HE TAKES A DIFFERENT
PASTURE AREA AND BREAKS IT FOR OATS. THE PASTURE
WE SEE NOW IS OATS, THE ONE WE JUST LOOKED AT
WHERE THE CATTLE WERE WAS OATS TWO YEARS AGO.
STEVE SAYS BY DOING THIS THE BERMUDA AND CLOVER
COMES BACK QUICKER AND BETTER THAN EVER. HE
HARVESTS ABOUT 25 ACRES OF OATS FOR HAY AND THE
REST IS GRAZED DOWN. HE ALSO PUTS UP HAY FROM
THE SUMMER PASTURES....ABOUT 3,000 BALES IN ALL
AS YOU HAVE NOTICED, STEVE SMITH ALSO RAISES
SOME SHEEP. HE HAS BEEN IN THE SHEEP BUSINESS
ONLY TWO AND A HALF YEARS. THIS IS HIS THIRD
LAMB CROP AND LIKES IT VERY MUCH. STEVE USES
DORSET EWES WITH HAMPSHIRE RAMS, USING GRADE
EWES AND REGISTERED RAMS. HE HAS TWO RAM UNITS
EACH WITH 25 EWES AND A BUCK. HE GETS A 100%
LAMB CROP WHICH HE MARKETS IN MARCH, APRIL AND
MAY WITH A WEIGHT AVERAGE OF 90LBS. STEVE
CARRIES HIS SHEEP MOSTLY ON GRAZING AND THEY
GRAZE WITH THE CATTLE. THEY GET GRAIN ONLY IF
GRAZING IS SHORT IN THE WINTER. HE GETS ABOUT
SIX POUNDS OF WOOL PER EWE AND MARKETS IT

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<p>SLIDE <u>FARM-17</u> POND</p> <p>SLIDE <u>FARM-18</u> TIMBER</p> <p>SLIDE <u>FARM-19</u> TIMBER</p>	<p>AT THE JACKSON WOOL POOL. THESE REGISTERED RAMS CAME FROM ROGERS DAVIS FLOCK AT NATCHEZ. STEVE SAYS HE ALWAYS PUTS THE EWES AND LAMBS ON OAT GRAZING WHERE THE EWE WILL GIVE ENOUGH MILK TO FATTEN THE LAMB....SO FAR HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO SELL CHOICE GRADE LAMBS. THE FIRST YEAR STEVE WAS IN THE SHEEP BUSINESS HE TOPPED THE MARKET AT PRODUCERS AND LAST YEAR ONE MAN BEAT HIM WITH ONE LOAD. STEVE HOPES TO SAVE HIS BETTER EWE LAMBS AND INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE FLOCK. WATER FOR ALL LIVESTOCK IS SUPPLIED FROM EIGHT STOCK PONDS SIMILAR TO THIS ONE AND FROM TWO CREEKS WHICH RUN YEAR ROUND. STEVE SAYS HE BUILT FOUR STOCK PONDS AND HIS FATHER BUILT FOUR. ANOTHER CROP IMPORTANT TO STEVE SMITH'S FARM PROGRAM IS TIMBER. 200 OF THE 508 ACRES IS IN TIMBER WHICH HE THINS AND WEEDS AND SELECTIVELY HARVESTS. HE HAS 150 ACRES IN GOOD PINE AND 50 ACRES IN HARDWOODS. HE PLANS TO MARKET THE MERCHANTABLE HARDWOODS AND DEADEN THE REST AND PUT THE LAND IN PINE SEEDLINGS. A PART OF HIS PLAN IS TO PLANT PINE SEEDLINGS NEXT WINTER. STEVE IS A COMPLETELY MECHANIZED FARMER AND HAS ALL THE MCHINERY NECESSARY TO CARRY ON HIS OWN FARM PROGRAM AND ALSO DOES</p>

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SLIDE FARM-20
FREEZER

SOME CUSTOM GROUND BREAKING, DISCING AND PLANTING FOR FOLKS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. HE CUTS SOME HAY AND IN HIS SPARE TIME SELLS FARM BUREAU INSURANCE. I COULD TALK ON AT GREAT LENGTH ABOUT STEVE'S FARM PROGRAM BUT I WANT ALSO TO TELL YOU OF MRS. SMITH'S EXCELLENT HOMEMAKING PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO A HALF ACRE OF GARDEN THEY ALSO HAVE ABOUT THREE ACRES IN CUCUMBERS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR THE LABOR THE CUCUMBERS ARE MARKETED AT THE PRENTIS RECEIVING POINT FOR THE PICKLE FACTORY AT WIGGIN FROM THE GARDEN, AND MEAT SUPPLY MRS. SMITH EACH YEAR FREEZES ABOUT 1500 POUNDS OF FOOD AND PUTS IT IN THE FAMILY FREEZER. YOUNG STEPHEN JOEL LIKES TO HELP TAKE OUT OF THE FREEZER. IN ADDITION SHE ALSO PUTS UP ABOUT 250 QUARTS OF FOOD IN JARS...SUCH THINGS AS JAMS, JELLIES, AND PRESERVES AND PICKLES AND OTHER FOODS WHICH THE FAMILY PREFERS CANNED. SHE ALSO HAS A FLOCK OF 20 LAYING HENS AND SELLS SOME OF THE SURPLUS EGGS: THE TWO GRANDMOTHERS ARE QUICK TO PITCH IN AND HELP OUT THIS YOUNG HOUSEWIFE,... BOTH, HER MOTHER, SEEN HERE, AND STEVE'S MOTHER FEEL RIGHT AT HOME IN THIS KITCHEN. MRS. SMITH LOVES TO COOK AND CAN FOOD FOR THE FAMILY'S NEEDS AND

SLIDE FARM-21
CANNED FOOD

SLIDE FARM-22
KITCHEN

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SLIDE FARM-23
GIRL & GOAT

WORK IN HER FLOWER BEDS. SHE ALSO LIKES TO PAINT AND HAS PAINTED HER KITCHEN AND ALL THE FURNITURE IN HER KITCHEN AND THE FAMILY DEN. PATRICIA ANN IS 14 AND IN THE 9TH GRADE. SHE IS MRS. SMITH'S DAUGHTER BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE AND IS A VERY CHAMRING AND HAPPY MEMBER OF THE FINE SMITH FSMILY. SHE HAS MANY HOBBIES. SHE HAS A HORSE AND LIKES TO RIDE AND ALSO TO SWIM LAST YEAR PTSY WON THE AMERICAN LEGION MEDAL AT HEUCK'S RETREAT SCHOOL AS THE MOST OUTSTANDII GIRL STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL. THIS PET GOAT IS ONLY ONE OF HER INTERESTS. SHE STUDIED VOICE FOR TWO YEARS AND IS OCCASIONALLY CHURCH SOLOIST

SLIDE FARM-24
WOMEN

HERE ARE ALL THE LADIES THAT GATHERED IN THE KITCHEN OF THE STEVE SMITH HOME THE OTHER DAY AND EVERYONE OF THEM HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS FINE YOUNG FARM FAMILY. WE'VE INDENTIFIED MOST OF THEM BEFORE...SEATED ARE MRS. HOMER SMITH, STEVE'S MOTHER AND MISS SARAH JANE CRAIG, COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT ARE PATSY AND HER MOTHER AND MRS. TURNBROUGH, MRS. STEVE SMITH'S MOTHER. MR. AND MRS. STEVE SMITH AND PATSY BELONG TO THE HEUCK'S RETREAT BAPTIST CHURCH

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WHERE STEVE IS TEACHER OF THE YOUNG MARRIED CLASS. THIS CHURCH IS THE HUB OF THIS FINE COMMUNITY. THEIR PASTOR, REV. PORTER, WAS NAMED RURAL MINISTER OF THE YEAR A FEW YEARS AGO AND THIS COMMUNITY IS ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE STATE. ONE OF THE FIRST RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STORIES WE DID ON RFD TELEVIST WAS ABOUT THIS COMMUNITY. STEVE IS PRESIDENT OF THE HEUCK'S RETREAT RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLUB AND IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY PROGRAM. HE IS A DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY FARM BUREAU AND AN F.H.A. COMMITTEEMAN. HE IS A PAST A.S.C. COMMUNITY COMMITTEEMAN AND WAS A TRUSTEE OF THE SCHOOL AT HEUCK'S RETREAT BEFORE IT WAS ABOLISHED. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF LINCOLN COUNTY'S FIRST DAIRY DAY. HE IS TRULY A LEADER IN HIS COMMUNITY AND COUNTY. I COULD TELL MUCH MORE, BUT NOW I WANT YOU TO MEET THEM.

1. WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE IN YOUR FARM PROGRAM?
2. WHAT HAS CONTRIBUTED MOST TO YOUR SUCCESS IN FARMING?
3. MRS, HOW DO YOU LIKE FARM LIFE? WHAT WAS MOST DIFFICULT TO ADAPT TO? WOULD YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO TOWN?
4. TALK TO PATSY & GRANDMOTHERS.